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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: MAIL SYSTEM AND MAIL SERVICE

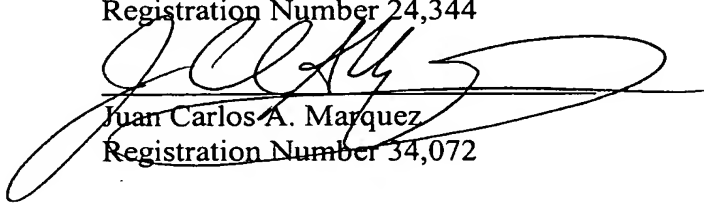
Enclosed are:

- ☒ 16 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
☒ Priority Request transmitting certified copy of Japanese Patent application 2003-375094
to claim the priority date of November 5, 2003
☒ An Assignment to Hitachi, Ltd.
☒ An Executed Declaration.
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement Form 1449 with references
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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
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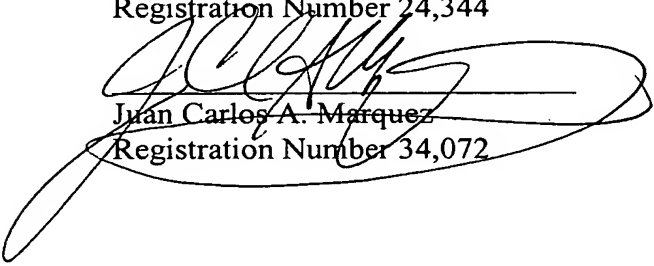
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In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of November 5, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-375094.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2003-375094 is being submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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